

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the present reissue application. Applicants note with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in the Office Action. The Examiner only objected to the manner in which certain claims were canceled. The Examiner closed prosecution in accordance with Quayle practice.

Applicants seek to amend certain dependent claims, cancel certain dependent claims, add additional dependent claims and submit a IDS. Applicants submit a request for continued examination with this Amendment and the accompanying IDS as the requisite submissions. With entry of this Amendment, Applicants amend dependent claims 2, 3, 5, 7, 8 and 18, cancel dependent claims 4, 6 and 9-11 and add new claims 19 and 20. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

In the preliminary amendment filed with the reissue application, Applicants sought to cancel patent claims 4, 6, 9 and 11 by a simple statement directing the claims to be canceled. In the Office Action, the Examiner requested that Applicants bracket any patent claims that are to be canceled. Applicants respectfully note that 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(b)(1) provides that “a patent claim or added claim should be canceled by a statement canceling the claim without presentation of the text of the claim.” (See also MPEP 1453(V)(B).) Thus, although Applicants believe that the preliminary amendment correctly canceled the claims, Applicants herewith cancel claims 4, 6, 9 and 11 by bracketing the claim language as the Examiner requested. Applicants also cancel claim 10.

Support for the amendments to the dependent claims is found throughout the specification and drawings including without limitation: Claim 2 (Col. 7, lines 17-48); Claim 3 (Col. 5, line 53 to Col. 6, line 31; Col. 8, lines 7-47; Figs. 4A-4C); Claim 5 (Col. 7, lines 17-41); Claim 7 (Col. 11, line 40 to Col. 12, line 19; Col. 12, line 53 to Col. 13, line 3); Claim 8 (Col. 11, lines 40-47) and Claims 18, 19 and 20 (Col. 11, line 40 to Col. 12, line 19).

Each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

If, for any reason, the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 892-5630 to discuss any steps necessary to place the application in condition for allowance.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing Docket No. 393032023130.

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